

Charter Service Proposed Rule

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The Charter Bus Negotiated Rulemaking Committee

(CBNRAC)

Introduction

- Proposed rules for recipients to provide charter
- We will be covering the new rules and requirements recipients (that's us)
- We will be answering questions
- Determining comments to be submitted to FTA
- Show you how and where to comment

Issues worked on by CBNRAC

- Government and non-profit transportation
- How FTA can improve communication and enforcement of charter bus through internet technology?
- How can enforcement of violations be improved?
- How can charter appeals process be improved?

For Additional Issues

- New willing and able process
- New exemptions for public transits
- Review and clarify definitions
- FTA policies between charter and mass transit in circumstances University transportation and special events

Overview

- New registered charter providers, no more willing & able notice
- Internet registration & reporting (p7541)
- More robust complaint, hearings and appeals process
- Processing of advisory opinion (p7452)

Exemptions & Definitions

- Applicability
- Register an exemption for not providing charter
- Definitions
 - Charter service
 - Not charter service
 - Interested party
 - Registration list

Definitions

- Geographic service area
- Pattern of violations
- Public transportation
- Qualified human service organization
- Registered charter provider
- Recipient
- Special transportation
- Charter service agreement

Exceptions

- Government officials
- Qualified human service organizations
- Hardship
- Leasing FTA funded equipment and drivers
- Events of regional or national significance
- When no registered charter provider responds to notice from a recipient

Exemptions (continued)

- Agreement with registered charter providers
- Administrator's discretion
- Non-urbanized transportation of their employees, transit management outside their geographic service area
- Reporting requirements

Summary

- This is a proposed rule
- We need to comment
- Where do we comment
 - <http://www.regulations.gov>
 - <http://dms.dot.gov>
 - Follow the instructions for comment
 - Fax 202-493-2251
 - Comments due April 16, 2007

Procedures for Registration and Notification

- Registration of charter operators
- Notification to registered charter providers
- Registration of qualified human service organizations not listed in Appendix A
- Duties for recipients with respect to charter registration Web site

Where to Get More Information

- www.fta.gov
- Linda Lasley Linda.Lasley@dot.gov
– 202-366-1674
- Research the Charter Service; Proposed Rule
- Call Ron or Kevin 605-945-3166
- Thank you